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SUBJECT The Ronald Pelton Spy Case

DAN LEWIS: Jury selection continued today in the trial of accused spy Ronald Pelton. It's not the trial that's making news today but news reports about the trial.

Jim Clarke reports on why the CIA is accusing a journalist of violating a federal law.

X GEORGE CARVER (FORMER CIA OFFICER): What Mr. Casey is trying to get across is there are certain subjects that are not fit for public discussion and should be off-limits for public discussion.

ADM. GENE LAROCQUE (Retired): Our submarines, Soviet submarines, have been intruding in each other's territorial waters for years trying to get more information from each other. I don't think there's anything new in that aspect.

JIM CLARKE: There was much discussion about the cat and mouse games played by U.S. and Soviet submarines after disclosure of the John Walker spy-ring, too much talk, the intelligence officials say, so now CIA Director William Casey is cracking down. He's asked the Justice Department to prosecute NBC for a report yesterday on secrets that may have been leaked to the Russians by accused spy Ronald Pelton.

NBC said Pelton apparently gave away a project code-named "Ivy Bells," involving U.S. submarines doing underwater eavesdropping inside Russian harbors.

Retired Admiral Gene LaRocque, now director of the Center for Defense Information, doubts our subs have been prowling Soviet harbors, but says undersea surveillance by both

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